



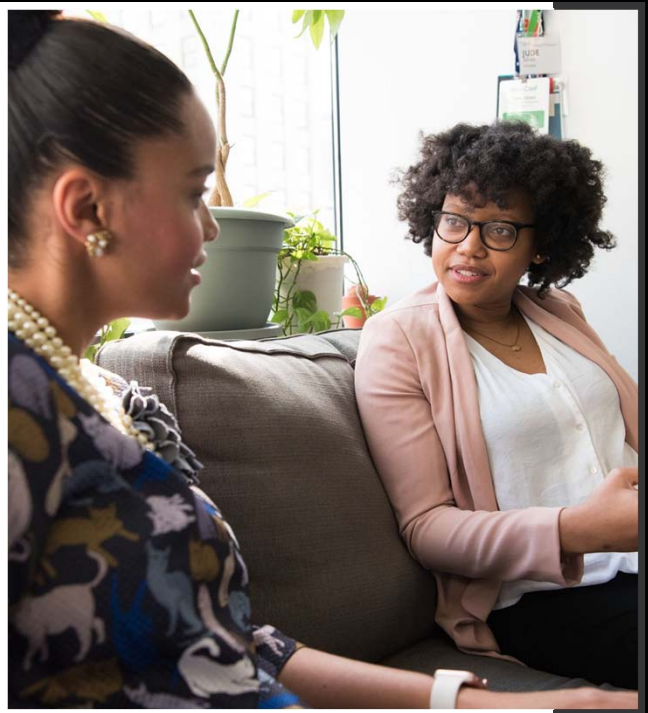
# The School of Professional Studies

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Office of Admissions at Trinity Washington University



You are the  
future.



# Fast Facts

- Established in 1897 as Trinity College
- Became Trinity Washington University in 2004
- First Catholic liberal arts college for women in the U.S.
- Weekend College was opened in the 1980's
- Allowed working adults to pursue education
- Recruitment efforts eventually shifted to minorities in DC
- Leader in educating low-income students of color
- Award winning institution
- 2,000+ student population
- Diverse population- 75% African American 15% Latina
- Co-ed evening and weekend programs
- Comprised of five academic schools:
- College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Business and Graduate Studies
- School of Education
- School of Nursing and Health Professions
- School of Professional Studies



## Notable Alums



**Nancy Pelosi**  
Politician-Speaker  
of the US House of  
Representatives



**Maggie Williams**  
Director of Institute  
of Politics- Harvard  
University



**Brandon Todd**  
Politician  
Ward 4  
Representative



**Maryanne Lewis**  
Business woman  
and MA State  
Representative



**Yvette Alexander**  
Politician  
Former Ward 7  
Representative



**Amber Robles-  
Gordon**  
Mixed Media  
Visual Artist  
Black Artist DC



**Darlene Nipper**  
Human Rights Activist  
Deputy Executive  
Director, National  
LGBTQI Task Force



**Anjali Phukan**  
Politician Nominee  
for the Comptroller of  
Maryland

## School of Professional Studies

- **Bachelor and Associate**
- **Two Convenient Locations**
  - Main Campus ( NE) Brookland-CUA
  - THEARC (SE) Mississippi Ave
- Designed with working adults in mind
- Evening and weekend courses
- Compressed accelerated 8 week courses
- Full 16 week courses

## Program Highlights

- Coeducational – both men and women are welcome in the program
- Can be taken at Main Campus or at THEARC
- Accelerated 8 week courses
- Classes are held during the evenings and Saturdays
  - Weekdays: 6:30pm-9:30pm or Saturdays 9:00am-12pm and 1pm-4pm
- Classes are small for more individualized attention
- Associates Degree-61 credits (20 classes)
- Bachelors Degree-120 credits (39 classes)
- Certificates-18 credits (only 6 classes and stackable to our degrees)

# Programs Offered

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Business Administration with Human Resource Management
- Criminal Justice
- Child Development Certificate
- Community Healthworker
- Early Childhood Education (AA and BA)
- Early Childhood Community Education-non licensure
- General Studies (AA and BA)
- Human Relations
- Health Services
- Journalism and Media Studies
- Psychology

## Trinity at THEARC

Director: Cristina Lynch

- Trinity Washington University is the only place you can complete your college degree east of the Anacostia River.
- Located just around the corner from the Southern Avenue metro station.
- Very Affordable – \$195 per credit hour.
  - Pell grant may pay 100% of your tuition for those who qualify.
  - Free online books
  - 3 associate degrees offered:
- General Studies
  - Business
  - Social and Behavioral Sciences (Counseling)
  - Arts & Humanities (Politics, Society, Religion)
- Early Childhood Education
- Community Healthworker and Health Services
- Courses can be easily transferred to a bachelor's degree at Trinity.



## What Is TELL?

TRINITY EXPERIENTIAL LIFELONG LEARNING

**The process of granting college credit for learning gained in nontraditional ways through a portfolio/pre-evaluated learning.**

It is an avenue students can take to demonstrate college level learning they may have gained from:

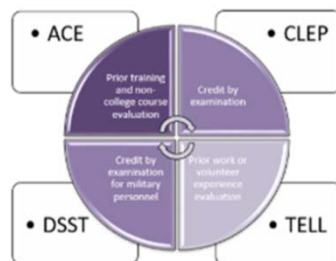
- **Work Experience**
- **Community Participation/Volunteering**
- **Military Training**
- **Non-credit courses/seminars**
- **A license or certificate of completion from a training program**
- **Completion of formal education courses offered by business industry, professional development or associations**

# Adult Scholars and Learning Outside of the Classroom

“More and more adults are looking for ways to increase their marketability and expand their skills in an effort to retain their current jobs, find employment, and compete for higher-paying positions. Many adults are looking to their local colleges and universities to deliver quality education and training in a timely manner. But, ‘for too many adults who want to earn postsecondary credentials, the traditional structure and organization of higher education pose significant barriers to access and, particularly, to persistence and success.’”

<sup>1</sup> Jobs for the Future. Adult Learners in Higher Education: Barriers to Success and Strategies to Improve Results (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Policy Development and Research, March 2007).

## Types of Credits for Prior Learning Assessment



- **Pre-Evaluated Learning and Exams**
- **Joint Services Transcript (Military and Veterans)**
- **Professional Learning Evaluation or Portfolio**

# Professional Learning Evaluation

## Credit by Portfolio

Demonstration of knowledge gained through experiences comparable to a college courses for credit.

- Students need to verify that they have achieved the designated learning outcomes as indicated by the evaluation.
- This model is used by over 1200 college and universities in the United States to grant college credits for such learning.
- Most universities allow you to earn between 30-60 credits by demonstrating learning from experience. (based on the institution)
- Completed in the format of an portfolio.

## How Is My College Credit for Work Experience Portfolio Evaluated?

Your portfolio is your ability to organize and present verifiable evidence of college-level learning through proper documentation. It is evaluated through creating a guided portfolio along with supported documentation:



Job descriptions and performance evaluations



Verification of knowledge, skills, and abilities by a supervisor or employer



Certifications (evidence of licenses, training records, ranks)



Description of the work environment. Other appropriate forms of documentation verifying learning



Work samples such as computer code, lesson plans, or proposals

# What The Portfolio Can Do For You

- Earn your degree in a shorter period of time by reducing time to degree completion.
  - 30 credits is the equivalent of one year of college courses.
- Credit for prior learning in itself is a positive influence on the self-esteem and self-confidence. It validates your existing skills and knowledge.
- Allows for a richer, self reflective, student centered approach to learning.
- Provides a bridge between your life experiences and your undergraduate degree.
- Your completed portfolio can also serve as your professional development tool by outlining:
  - A comprehensive record of your skills and experience
  - May serve as a roadmap for your future goals
  - Great for job interviews and career advancement

# Academic Services

The Academic Services Center, located in the Library, provides a one-stop-shop for the following services:

Academic Support (includes tutoring)

Career Services

Disability Support Services

Testing Services

Writing Center

Contact Us

Phone: 202-884-9350

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## Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Complete the FAFSA. Trinity's school code is 001460.
- Scholarships for adults can be found at <https://www.trinitydc.edu/sps/scholarship-information/>
- Generation Hope
- Early Childhood Education Scholarship
- DC Mayoral Scholarship
- DC TAG
- TheDream.US


## Have you applied to Trinity?

If you have not applied, please go to <https://discover.trinitydc.edu/admissions/apply-now/>

- No application fee
- Holistic review process
- Summer and Fall 2021 Registration open now!
- You may be eligible for financial aid, scholarships or discounts.




**Discover Your Strength!**





We can't wait to hear from you.

Address

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Questions/Comments?**